

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTER NORTH EAST LEEDS

1. A number of community consultation events (see paragraph 4), throughout the Outer North East Leeds have been conducted in order to ensure residents' contributions to the development of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP). The geography of the area means that organising special, larger events becomes difficult. Additionally, there are groups which traditionally do not respond to or get involved in consultation. Area management officers have embarked, therefore, on a series of targeted visits to groups and organisations as well as attending already organised meetings run by partners in order to engage with local residents in places they already frequent. A postal survey has also been organised using the addresses of people who have attended events in the past.
2. The agreed strategic themes residents commented on were:
 - Things to Do
 - The Local Economy
 - Getting Around
 - Learning for All
 - Clean and Green
 - Safe Neighbourhoods
 - Healthy Living
 - Community Life
3. The participants were invited to join in a prioritisation exercise where they were given 10 markers to put alongside their most pressing ADP priorities as expressed by the LCC strategic plan and the local ADP. In total, over 60 people took place in face to face meetings, shared their views on the quality of services available to them and discussed their aspirations.
4. Groups, organisations and meetings targeted were:
 - Town and Parish Council Forum
 - Residents attending PACT meetings in Alwoodley ward
 - Older and vulnerable people through Stay Warm events and luncheon clubs in Harewood and Alwoodley wards
 - General population through a postal survey in all three wards
 - Young families and women through Children's Centres Wetherby and Harewood wards
5. The postal survey was sent to 180 people with 65 people responding. This high response rate suggests that the Outer North East residents want to get involved in matters affecting their locality. The questions included in the postal questionnaires mirrored those at the consultation events.

6. The results pointed to the greatest interest in:

STRATEGIC THEME	TOP PRIORITIES
Things to Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of sport, art and cultural activities in local venues • Support to local community events
The Local Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the streets of our local shopping centres clean and tidy to encourage more people to use them
Getting Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve road safety for road users and pedestrians
Learning for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage young people in learning to reduce persistent absenteeism and reduce the numbers at risk of NEET (not in employment, education or training)
Clean and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take enforcement action in areas which are known hotspots for fly tipping, dog fouling and littering
Safe Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour through everyone working together • Deliver Operation Champion – targeted action to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems
Healthy Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to voluntary agencies such as MAECare, Northcall, Open House and WISE to enable them to deliver local services for older people • Provide a range of opportunities for people to get involved in sport and active recreation; support to sports clubs
Community Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure people have the opportunity to 'have their say' about what happens in their community • Support village halls, community centres and facilities run by volunteers